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SUBJECT: GOC REACTION TO COMPETING ON COMMERCIAL BASIS IN BRAZIL

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- 1. AGATT CALLED ON WM MINER, GENDIR., GRAINS GROUP, ITC TO DISCUSS REFTEL.
- 2. MINER STATED THAT HE BELIEVED GOC AND CWB WOULD BE IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH U.S. PROPOSAL AND THAT HE WOULD CONTACT OTHER APPROPRIATE GOC OFFICIALS AND CWB AND ADVISE AGATT OF REACTION.
- 3. MINER ALSO STATED THAT GOC POLICY HAS BEEN TO NOT TAKE LEAD IN OFFERING WHEAT ON CONCESSIONAL BASIS. GOC HOWEVER LOOKS FAVORABLY ON CONCESSIONAL SALES IN MARKETS WITH PROSPECTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF BECOMING COMMERCIAL AND BRAZIL WAS IN THIS CATEGORY.

NEVERTHELESS, HE EXPRESSED GENRAL AGREEMENT WITH U.S. PROPOSAL. REQUEST IS TIMELY IN THAT GOC WILL SOON FACE QUESTION OF RENEWING BRAZILIAN AGREEMENT. ABOUT 50,000 MT REMAIN TO BE PURCHASED BQ BRAZIL UNDER CURRENT CONCESSIONAL CREDIT AGREEMENT. CWB MAY CONTINUE THREE YEAR CREDIT SALES AND AS POINT OF CLARIFICATION MINER ASKED IF U.S. PROPOSAL DEALT WITH CREDIT SALES IN EXCESS OF THREE YEARS. AGATT STATED THAT IT WAS HIS INTERPRETATION (OF REFTEL) THAT U.S. WAS ADDRESSING QUESTION ONLY TO SALES PROGRAMS IN EXCESS OF THREE YEARS CREDIT.

- 4. MINER ALSO RAISED QUESTION ABOUT POSSIBLE CONSULTATION WITH AUSTRALIA BUT ADDED THAT HE DOUBTED THAT AWB WOULD BE CONSIDERING CONCESSIONAL SALES TO BRAZIL.
- 5. MINER APPEARED TO WELCOME U.S. PROPOSAL. HE ASKED IF U.S. MIGHT ALSO BE WILLING TO DISCUSS CONCESSIONAL SALES TO OTHER MARKETS SUCH AS EGYPT. HE ADDED THAT THIS MATTER IS IN NO WAY LINKED WITH QUESTION OF BRAZIL. AGATT OFFERED NO COMMENT BUT SAID HE WOULD REFER QUESTION TO WASHINGTON.

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